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SANITARY INSPECTOR
for
1955

COUNCIL OFFICES,
BUXTON ROAD,
DISLEY,
CHESHIRE.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1955

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Councillors W. M. Halsall (Chairman)

J. A. Burgar

L. Chappell

E. A. Rhodes, J.P.

A. G. Woods

(as at December 31st 1955)

OFFICERS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health T. W. Brindle M.B.,Ch.B.,D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector R. L. Symes, M.R.S.I.,M.S.I.A.
(to 8th May, 1955.)

J. Kenyon Hunt, A.R.S.I.,M.S.I.A.,
(commenced duties 22nd August,
1955.)

Abattoir Meat Inspector C. E. Hall, M.R.C.V.S.

Council Offices,

Buxton Road,

Disley.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of Disley for the year ended 31st December 1955.

There was an increase in the estimated population, and an increased number of births. No infant death occurred, but there was one still-birth. There was a small increase in the number of deaths.

In the early part of the year there was an outbreak of measles of moderate severity. One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified, but there were no deaths from either the pulmonary or non-pulmonary form of the disease. It is pleasing to report that once again no case of diphtheria occurred.

The Council's proposals for dealing with insanitary property in the district were approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Progress has already been made in dealing with some of the worst property.

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector for his help in preparing Sections A to H of this report.

I should like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and to the Officers of the Council for their help and support throughout the year.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

T. W. BRINDLE.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Area in acres | 2,118 |
| Population Census 1951 | 2,863 |
| Population Mid-Year 1955 (Registrar General's Estimate | 3,010 |
| " " " 1954 " " " | 3,000 |
| No. of Inhabited Houses | 1,086 |
| Rateable Value (1st April, 1955)... | £27,428 |
| Product of a Penny Rate | £108.4910 |

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA

The area is hilly in character with a wealth of pleasantly wooded slopes rising from a level of 400 ft, at the River Goyt, to the highest point of 1,018 above mean sea level. On the northwest boundary, the residential area of Jacksons Edge follows roughly the line of the 700 ft contour.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

1. Births.

| (a) <u>Live Births</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 18 | 20 | 38 |
| Illegitimate | - | 1 | 1 |
| | <u>18</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>39</u> |

| | |
|---|--------------|
| <u>Live Birth Rate</u> per 1,000 population | 1955 - 12.96 |
| | 1954 - 12.00 |

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| The Live Birth Rate for England & Wales | 1955 - 15.0 per 1,000 |
| | 1954 - 15.2 per 1,000 |

| (b) <u>Still Births</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | - | 1 | 1 |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |

SECTION A (1955) Continued

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR - (Cont'd)

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Still Birth rate per 1,000 total live & Still-births | 1955 - 25.00 |
| | 1954 - 0.00 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| England & Wales Still Birth Rate | |
| per 1,000 total live & still-births | 1955 - 23.1 |
| | 1954 - 24.0 |

| | | | |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| (c) <u>Deaths (General) Rate</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| All Ages (All Causes) | 25 | 18 | 43 |
| Death rate per 1,000 population (Disley) | | 1955 = 14.29 | 1954 = 13.67 |
| " " " " " (E. & W) | | 1955 = 11.7 | 1954 = 11.3 |

| | | | |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <u>Deaths (General) Analysis</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| <u>Cause of Death</u> | | | |
| Tuberculosis, Respiratory | - | - | - |
| " (other) | - | - | - |
| Syphilitic Disease | - | - | - |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | - |
| Meningococcal Infection | - | - | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | - | - | - |
| Measles | - | - | - |
| Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, stomach | - | 1 | 1 |
| " " lung & bronchus | - | 1 | 1 |
| " " breast | - | 1 | 1 |
| " " uterus | - | - | - |
| Other Malignant & Lymphatic | | | |
| Neoplasms | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia | - | - | - |
| Diabetes | - | 1 | 1 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Coronary Diseases, Angina | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Hypertension with heart diseases | 2 | - | 2 |
| Other heart diseases | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Other circulatory disease | - | 2 | 2 |
| Influenza | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | - | - | - |
| Bronchitis | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other diseases of Respiratory System 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Ulcer of stomach & duodenum | - | - | - |
| Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea | - | - | - |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion | - | - | - |
| Congenital maformations | - | - | - |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | - | - | - |
| All other accidents | - | - | - |
| Suicide | - | 1 | 1 |
| Homicide and operations of war | - | - | - |
| All causes | <u>25</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>43</u> |

SECTION A (1955) Continued

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR - (Cont'd)

Deaths (Maternal Causes)

There was no death attributed to this cause in the District during the year.

Death-Rate (Infantile) i.e. Infants under 1 year of age

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | - | - | - |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

Infantile Death-Rate per 1,000 live births:-

1955 = Nil
1954 = 55.56

England & Wales

Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 live births:-

1955 = 24.9
1954 = 25.5

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory at Monsall and also at Stepping Hill Hospital.

The following services are provided by the Local Health Authority and administered by the North East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

Ambulance Facilities A 24 hour Ambulance Service is available, being provided by the Stockport Corporation and Derbyshire County Council on an emergency basis. In addition, a sitting case car is available.

Nursing in the Home. There is one District Nurse in the Area who undertakes general nursing and maternity work.

Home Help Service, Home helps are available in cases of illness, confinement, old age, etc.

Infant Welfare Centres Sessions are held fortnightly at the Council Offices. Attendances during the year were as follows:-

SECTION B (1955) Continued

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA - (cont'd).

| Centre | New Cases | Total Attendances | | |
|--------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| | 0 - 1 yr. | 0 - 1 yr. | 1 - 2 yrs. | 2 - 5 yrs |
| Disley | 30 | 344 | 173 | 161 |

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation Special arrangements are made for immunisation to be performed at the end of each Welfare Session. In addition, immunisation is carried out free of charge by general medical practitioners.

Services provided by the Regional Hospital Board

Hospitals. There is no hospital within the Rural District, and patients from this area are admitted to hospitals in neighbouring districts.

Maternity cases requiring hospital accommodation are also admitted to hospitals outside the area. Where necessary, infectious disease cases other than smallpox are admitted to the Stockport Isolation Hospital. Facilities for smallpox cases are provided at Ellswick Leys Smallpox Hospital, Lancashire, and at the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury.

Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases. Special clinics for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases are held at Great Egerton Street, Stockport.

SECTION C

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Water The area is supplied by the Stockport Corporation Water Undertaking and most of the houses in the district are connected to the mains. A few farms and isolated houses situated on high ground are supplied by natural wells and springs, a few having bore-holes. The situation of these premises and the physical characteristics of the land render the cost of laying mains prohibitive and an almost impossible task.

The water supplied to the district is chemically treated, filtered, and chlorinated, and is subjected to frequent bacteriological and chemical analysis by the Stockport Corporation, and has proved satisfactory. The main road and lower areas of the district are supplied from Kinder and the higher part from the Goyt Valley supply.

7 samples of water from private supplies were taken during the year. 6 were satisfactory and 1 was unsatisfactory.

2. Drainage & Sewerage. The greater part of the district is sewered and two sewage disposal works are owned by the Council. Most houses are connected to the sewers and those properties which are not, are in isolated positions.

SECTION C (1955) - Continued

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES - (Cont'd)

3. Rivers and Streams The River Goyt forms the Northern boundary of the district, and the Bollinghurst Brook in the South Westerly boundary. The effluents from the Waterside and Coppice Sewage Works discharge respectively into these.

4. Sanitary Accommodation.

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Water Closets ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,048 |
| Privies ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Pail Closets ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| Dry Ashpits ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Ashbins ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,075 |

5. Public Cleansing A direct labour refuse service is operated by the Council and has functioned satisfactorily. Refuse, and the contents of pail closets have been collected each fortnight.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Council's Tip in Greenshall Lane. After discharge the refuse is raked over and covered by a layer of overburden sand and the face of the tip is also dressed with sand.

6. Rodent Control A Rodent Operator is employed $2\frac{1}{2}$ days in each alternative week. The Council's sewers were treated for rat infestation during the year, and the infestations were again found to be slight. The sewage works and refuse tip were inspected regularly and treated as necessary. Infestations at the refuse tip were occasionally of a major character. 38 infestations at private property, 11 business premises, and 1 agricultural property were treated.

7. Sanitary Inspections. The following number of inspections were made during the year:-

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Houses Public Health Act and Housing Acts (primary)... | ... | 76 |
| " " " " " " (statutory). | ... | 5 |
| " reinspections ... | ... | 8 |
| Council Houses... | ... | 249 |
| Factories (power) ... | ... | 18 |
| " (non-power) .. | ... | 8 |
| Public Conveniences ... | ... | 42 |
| Rodent Control (Period 1/4/55 to 31/3/56). | ... | 177 |
| Refuse Disposal & Collection.. | ... | 47 |
| Sewage Disposal.. | ... | 81 |
| Drainage... | ... | 46 |
| Schools ... | ... | 2 |
| carried forward | | 759 |

SECTION C (1955) - Continued

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES - (Cont'd)

7. Sanitary Inspections (Cont'd)

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | brought forward | 759 |
| Moveable Dwellings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Watercourses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Smoke Observations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Infectious Diseases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Houses Disinfected | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Food Control. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 76 |
| | | | | | | | | <u>845</u> |

8. Smoke Abatement Observations at two factories were made during the year and no action was found to be necessary.

9. Camping Sites There is one permanent camp in the district providing accommodation for children between the ages of 12 to 18 years. It is supervised by a resident caretaker, and the camp is well managed.

10. Schools. The area is served by Disley County Primary (All age) School and one small private school. A County school in New Mills Urban District serves the Newtown area of the district.

SECTION D

HOUSING

1. Housing - Clearance Areas and Individual Unfit Houses

No clearance areas were declared by the Council during 1955.

A re-survey of all unfit or sub-standard houses was carried out and the Council declared their intention of dealing with 50 of these properties during the succeeding 5 years.

No individual houses were demolished or closed in 1955, but 3 houses were rendered fit by the owners as a result of informal action.

2. New Housing During the year 12 Council Houses, and 3 Private houses were completed, and at December 31st. 1955 there were 16 Council Houses and 32 Council Flats, and 2 private houses under construction.

3. Housing Improvements. 7 houses were improved by the conversion of bedroom or scullery accommodation to bathrooms with indoor waterclosets also being provided. In one case an Improvement Grant under the Housing Act, 1949 was made.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Meat Inspection There is one licensed private slaughterhouse in the district at Newtown - all animals were inspected by the Council's Meat Inspector as follows:-

| Animals Inspected | | Meat Condemned |
|-------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Cattle | 132 | 2 beasts heads |
| Sheep | 554 | 21 " livers |
| Pigs | 73 | 4 " lungs |
| | | 28 lambs plucks |
| | | 1 pigs liver |

2. Food Inspection All food Shops have been regularly inspected and the premises were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

3. Food Condemnation The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption and were condemned:-

Tinned Ham 9 lbs.

4. Food Premises in District

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Licensed Premises | 11 |
| Cafes & Restaurants | 6 |
| Works Canteens | 2 |
| School Canteens | 1 |
| Butchers Shops | 3 |
| Wet Fish Shops | 2 |
| Fish and Chip Shops | 1 |
| Grocers | 4 |
| Greengrocers | 3 |
| Bakers | 1 |
| General Stores | 8 |
| Ice Cream Dealers | 8 |
| Confectioners | 4 |
| | <u>54</u> |

5. Food Sampling Sampling of food in the district is carried out by the Inspector of Weights and Measures Department, Cheshire County Council.

6. Food Poisoning There was a small outbreak of food poisoning. In all of the 5 cases symptoms were mild. The causal organism was not identified.

7. Milk There are 7 registered distributors of Milk in the district, out of these, 5 have their premises situated outside the district.

SECTION E (1955) - Continued

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Cont'd)

7. Milk (Cont'd)

There are 8 Producer/Retailers who sell milk in the district, and are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The following licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1949:-

| | <u>Dealers</u> | <u>Supplementary</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Tuberculin Tested | 5 | 6 |
| Pasteurised | 5 | 5 |
| Sterilised | 5 | 4 |

Analysis of Milk Samples

| Designation | No. taken | Meth Blue Test | | Phosphatase Test | | Animal Innoc | | Turbidity | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------|----|------------------|----|--------------|----|-----------|----|
| | | S. | U. | S. | U. | N. | P. | S. | U. |
| Ungraded | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Pasteurised | 5 | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tubc./Tested | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Tubc. Tested/Past. | 4 | 4 | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sterilised | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | - |
| School Milk | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 20 | 15 | - | 10 | - | 5 | - | 5 | - |

S = Passed

U = Failed

N = Negative

P = Positive

8. Ice Cream There are 8 registered dealers in Ice Cream in the district and 3 samples of Ice Cream were taken.

| No. of Samples | Meth Blue Test | | Provisional Grade | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----|-------------------|----|----|----|
| | S. | U. | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. |
| 3 | 3 | - | 3 | - | - | - |

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

- (a) General Number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year:-

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Measles | 53 |
| Whooping Cough..... | 1 |
| Erysipelas..... | 2 |
| Food Poisoning..... | 5 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia..... | <u>1</u> |
| | <u>62</u> |

- (b) Analysis of Notified Infectious Diseases

| Disease | Under 1 | 1- 2 | 3- 4 | 5- 9 | 10- 14 | 15- 24 | 25- 34 | 35- 44 | 45- 54 | 55- 64 | 65 & over | Total |
|--------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Measles | 1 | 3 | 8 | 35 | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 53 |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| Food Poisoning | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 5 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia- | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Totals | 1 | 3 | 10 | 35 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 62 |

- (c) Diphtheria Immunisation During the year the following children were immunised in the Council's Area:-

| | <u>Under 5</u> | <u>Schoolchildren</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Primary | 37 | 13 | 50 |
| Re-immunisation | 1 | 63 | 64 |

SECTION F (1955) - Continued

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES - (Cont'd)

(d) Tuberculosis:

| (d) Tuberculosis: | Cases on Register:- | | | | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Males | | Females | | |
| | Pulmonary | Non - Pulmonary | Pulmonary | Non Pulmonary | |
| Cases on Register 1.1.55 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 24 |
| Cases notified in 1955 | 3 + | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| | 14 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 28 |
| Cases removed in 1955 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Cases on Register 31.12.55 | 13 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 27 |

+ 1 Transfer (IN)

SECTION G

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACTS

Inspection of factories was carried out during the year and all premises were found to be satisfactory.

The number of premises and inspections is as follows:-

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of Inspections | Number of Written Notices | Number of Occupiers Prosecuted |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (1)Factories in which Secs.1,2,3, 4 & 6, are enforced by Local Authority | 5 | 8 | - | - |
| (2)Factories not included in above in which Sec.7 applies | 14 | 18 | - | - |
| (3)Other premises (excluding out-workers premises) | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| TOTALS | 21 | 28 | - | - |

Outworkers

2 outworkers have been notified.

